

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
August 5, 2016

The City of Clewiston is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2016. If you know of someone who you feel deserves this honor, please stop by City Hall and pick up a nomination form. We will accept nominations until August 12, 2016.

Dates to Remember

August 8, 2016 – Library Advisory Board Meeting

August 9, 2016 – CRA Advisory Committee Meeting

August 10, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission, CRA and Budget Workshops (**Note Date Change**)

August 15, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting and CRA Meeting

August 18, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Hero day at youth camp was a great success. The Clewiston Fire, Police and Emergency Services all visited with the kids in Sugar Fest Park for a safety & equipment demonstration.
- Star Liquor, formally Star Mart, has opened at 342 West Sugarland Hwy. under new ownership. The new owners also acquired Plaza Laundry, renamed as Star Laundry.
- Beall's Outlet has selected their contractor and is moving forward with the tenant buildout located at 955 West Sugarland Hwy. in the Clewiston Town Center. Upon completion of the remodel, they will be relocating from their current location in the Sugarland Plaza next to Save-a-Lot.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Please look out for our survey. It will be on the Facebook page for the Clewiston and LaBelle Libraries, in print in each of our libraries, and on our website. There will be only 4 easy questions to answer but your response will help us improve our services and offerings to you. Please help us to help you.
- The Career Online High School had another graduate and several others very, very close to graduation. Again, this is a program that will be especially great for students who graduated with certificates of completion and not high school diplomas because they couldn't pass the FCAT. The diplomas are accredited and therefore acceptable to any institution of higher learning. This last graduate attempted the GED several times and failed. But with the program's provision of one-on-one coaching, our students are able to realize better results. Please share this information with those who need to have their

diplomas. It will help with advancement in jobs and provide a gateway to higher education.

- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit www.hendrylibraries.org.**

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- **Clewiston Golf Course** is having a 20% off sale on all golf shop merchandise now, except golf balls and gloves.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Golf lessons are available. Contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$19.00 plus tax.
- Non-Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$28.00 plus tax.
- The renovation of the greens is moving right along as scheduled. We are on temporary greens now until Labor Day weekend.
- Ten (10) junior golfers graduated from the Clewiston Golf Course Summer First Tee Junior Golf Camp last week. Twenty-three (23) junior golfers in all graduated this Summer.
- Aerification of all the green banks have been done this week.
- The renovation of #16 fairway has begun this week.
- Starting next week, we will be cleaning out all the ponds and canals on the golf course. Thank you United States Sugar Corporation.
- Golf staff has new ideas and is planning to introduce some new golf tournaments this coming season.
- **Golf Tip of the Week:** Balance in the golf swing is very important; one of the most overlooked fundamentals is the golf swing. We often tend to try to fix our bad golf with thoughts of other fundamentals such as grip, posture and swing. No doubt these are very important to a sound golf swing. Next time your golf ball is flying sideways, try to widen your stance. The inside of your feet should be as wide as the outside of your shoulders.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- **TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!!** Clewiston 3v3 Tiger Soccer teams brought home the “National Championship” hardware in 2 age group divisions from Disney’s Wide World of Sports 3v3 National Soccer Championship over the weekend. Ricky Martinez’ girls’ team and Brooke Flynn’s boys’ team dominated over the course of the tournament! **Hard Work Pays Off...** PROUD of you! Congratulations..!!
- The C.S. Mott Pool will be open only on Saturdays from 10am-6pm and Sundays from 1-6pm beginning August 1st.
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturday/Sundays from 9am-7pm.
- Clewiston Recreation Co-Ed Softball league finished last week with the Outlawz winning the regular season. The Hit Squad took the Tournament Championship and Harlem received runner-up honors.

- Clewiston Recreation Men's Softball will end their regular season on Wednesday, August 3rd. Post-season tournament play begins Thursday, August 4th on Field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex beginning at 7pm. (weather permitting)
- Clewiston Recreation Men's Basketball Leagues' regular season ends Thursday, August 4th. Post-season play begins on Tuesday, August 9th at the Harlem Gym beginning at 6pm.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Aug. 6th – Youth Conference 9am-6pm John Boy Auditorium and Beardsley Room
 - Aug. 6th – Candidate Meet & Greet (Brown) 10am-2pm STP #1
 - Aug. 6th – Birthday Party 6pm-Midnight Youth Center
 - Aug. 7th – Baby Shower 2-5pm Youth Center
 - Aug. 9th – CPAC Registrations 5-7:30pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Aug. 9th – CPD Software demo 9am-3pm Beardsley Room
 - Aug. 10th - CPAC Registrations 5-7:30pm John Boy Auditorium
- If you are interested in participating in a Co-Ed Dodgeball and/or Co-Ed Volleyball league contact Andre at 983-1492
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Trap counts are low again this trap cycle. Between 50 and 100 in each trap. ZIKA is on the move in the Miami area and is now being transmitted between people. Residents are encouraged to be diligent with the following steps to protect your family: 1) The Governor has asked people to avoid going into the Miami area where ZIKA is very active; 2) Reduce the potential breeding habitats by emptying and covering containers; 3) Avoid going outside during peak mosquito activity times; and 4) Wear protective clothing and spray exposed skin. If you are unable to check your property, you can call 983-1471 and a Public Works staff person will come to your property and check it for breeding habitats. Treatment will be done on any mosquito issues discovered during the visit.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff spent three days this week removing trash from the right-of-ways. (2) Staff will finish the tree trimming on Ponce de Leon and move to the trees at the welcome signs.
- Paving Project: The bid opening for this year's project is August 9 at 2:00pm in Commission Chambers.
- Hurricane Season: Residents are reminded that we are in Hurricane Season and you should be monitoring any and all storm activity. Have a family plan in the event we get hit. Have a storm kit ready to put together in a moment's notice. Included in this kit would be insurance papers, birth certificates, water (at least a gallon per person for three days) no cooking required foods, flashlights and batteries and mosquito repellent. These are only a few of the items you should have in a water tight container. If a storm is projected to hit our area, call family in areas not affected by the storm and make arrangements to get out of harm's way. Hurricanes are the only storms that give us several days advance notice of their arrival. Don't be complacent, be ready.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Shots Fired! Early Thursday morning numerous shots fired at a residence in the Bayberry Loop area. Our Criminal Investigation team is reviewing digital surveillance videos and collaborating with Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department. This is an open and on-going investigation.
- Two subjects were sentenced yesterday in an armed robbery case from 2014 at the Best Western Hotel. Tafarya Williams sentenced to 15 years in prison and Edward Coleman sentenced to 10 years. Great job Detectives!
- A few vehicle burglaries this week. To prevent this from happening to you, lock your vehicle at all times. Never leave your keys and valuables in plain sight. Close all your windows. It only takes a second and you can lose all your belongings.
- Commercial business on Sugarland Hwy had their large window front broken by a brick. Video surveillance did not capture the criminal in the act.
- Traffic stop resulted in an Out of County Warrant Arrest.
- Officers responded to a three car collision on Monday at the intersection of Sugarland Hwy and Francisco St. Driver went through a red light, thankfully no serious injuries.
- Officer McLeod and K-9 Officer Dax were invited by the City of Clewiston Parks & Recreation Department for "Community Hero Day" with the Summer Rec children.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
1029 Commercial / Residential Security Checks
431 Complaints Investigated
19 Arrests/Traffic Made
10 Traffic Citations Issued
0 City Ordinance Violation Issued
45 Merchant Escorts Provided
13 Alarms Responded To
7 Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- **Hurricane Season Tip:** If your home is flooded, turn off your electric power until a professional inspects it thoroughly.
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Lift station maintenance: Checked all lift stations. Repaired pumps at East/Westside Elementary.
 - Assisted South Shore with water breaks.
 - Repaired water breaks at Trocadero and the Library where someone hit the backflow.
- Electric Activities
 - Ran new overhead service at 443 W Trinidad and repaired an overhead service that a customer dropped a branch on while trimming his tree.
 - Repaired a pole that was hit by lightning on Via Del Aqua and straightened poles at the Triangle Park on Esperanza and Poinciana.
 - Repaired several street lights throughout service area.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page

www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.

- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.